

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claim 5 and amends claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 5-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-4 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka (U.S. 4,319,275).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the features from allowable dependent claim 5, canceled claim 5, and amended claims 4, 6, and 7 to depend upon claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1-4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 depend upon claim 1, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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